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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MALMGREN'S TRADE TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA

REF: (A) KINGSTON 840; (B) PORT OF SPAIN 567;

(C) STATE 47939; (D) STATE 46723

1. FOR BRIDGETOWN, GEORGETOWN, PORT AU PRINCE, SANTO DOMINGO - REFTELS, FOR WHICH YOU WERE NOT ORIGINAL ADDRESSEES, HAVE BEEN REPEATED TO YOU SEPARATELY.

2. WE CONCUR WITH VIEW EXPRESSED IN REFTELS (A) AND (B)

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THAT AMB. MALMGREN SHOULD MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF

SEVERAL CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES RATHER THAN JUST ONE. WE INCLINE TOWARDS REF. (A)'S SUGGESTION THAT ALL INDEPENDENTS BE REPRESENTED IN SUCH MEETING, RATHER THAN ONLY CARICOM MEMBERS. BRIDGETOWN WOULD BE PREFERRED SITE FOR MEETING, IN PART BECAUSE IT IS SITE OF CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. TIMING NOT YET CERTAIN, BUT WE ARE AIMING TO SCHEDULE THE CARIBBEAN-COUNTRIES MEETING FOR FRIDAY OR SATURDAY, APRIL 5 OR 6. (MALMGREN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DEVOTE MORE THAN ONE DAY TO THE MEETING.)

3. ACCORDINGLY, WE REQUEST FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) FOR BRIDGETOWN - PLEASE INQUIRE WHETHER GOB IS

INTERESTED IN HAVING AMB. MALMGREN MEET WITH HIGH-LEVEL GOB OFFICIAL FOR PURPOSES OUTLINED IN REF. (D); AND, IF SO, WHETHER GOB IS AMENABLE TO HAVING MEETING IN BRIDGETOWN ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5 OR 6 TO WHICH OTHER CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE INVITED, NAMELY, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GUYANA, HAITI, JAMAICA AND TRINIDAD/TOBAGO. WE ASSUME GOB WOULD WISH TO EXTEND THE INVITATIONS TO THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS. WE ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST GOB AUTHORITIES IN THIS IN ANY WAY THEY DEEM USEFUL; AND, IF FOR ANY REASON THEY WOULD PREFER THAT USG RATHER THAN GOB EXTEND THE INVITATIONS, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO DO SO. PLEASE REPORT GOB'S RESPONSE SOONEST, TO ALL OTHER ADDRESSEES AS WELL AS DEPARTMENT.

(B) FOR OTHER ACTION ADDRESSEES - UPON RECEIVING THE ANTICIPATED TELEGRAM FROM EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN, IF GOB'S RESPONSE IS AFFIRMATIVE YOU SHOULD INFORMALLY ADVISE RESPECTIVE HOST GOVERNMENT THAT THIS MEETING IS BEING PLANNED; THAT WE HOPE THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT WILL SEND A HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE TO IT; AND THAT YOU WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT POSTED WHEN GOB'S INVITATION IS RECEIVED, AND WHEN DECISION IS MADE AS TO WHO WILL REPRESENT THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT. THEREAFTER, PLEASE REPORT SUCH INFORMATION PROMPTLY TO DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN, INFO ALL OTHER ADDRESSEES.

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4. WE PREFER TO HAVE EACH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTED BY ONLY ONE PARTICIPANT AT THE ENVISAGED MEETING, BUT WOULD POSE NO OBJECTION IF THE PARTICIPANT WERE ACCOMPANIED BY ONE OR TWO ADVISORS. KISSINGER

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